

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

November 4, 2020

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 2/2
Don McCormick 2/2
Kay Tvaroch 2/2
Debra Anlauf 2/2
Erick Toth 1/2
Maria Greenberg 2/2
Fred Pazona 1/2

Present

William Dryburgh
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth
Maria Greenberg

Absent

Fred Pazona

County Representatives

Tommy Scott, Director
Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes
 - Motion to approve the 2020 September Minutes made by Maria Greenberg, 2nd by Don McCormick and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – August and September 2020
 - Erick Toth commented on the low numbers, and Tommy Scott replied that only recently we have slowly been working programming back into our facilities, they were at adjusted capacity levels based on CC recommendations for social distancing. It has a direct correlation on or programs of how many people a space can hold, but the numbers are continuing to get better.

- Old Business

- William Dryburgh asked about the road construction status on Centennial Blvd. Tommy Scott explained they are working on 776 to create a turn lane which will include a traffic light, the first layer of asphalt was put down, trees have been planted and some of the sidewalks have been completed. An update on the completion is expected soon.

- New Business

- I. **FY21 CMP Program** – Tommy Scott explained the Capital Maintenance Program (CMP) which each year has between 3.5M and 4.5M to repair and replace facilities amenities. Tina Powell, Natural Resource Manager passed around a hand-out showing the 10 categories where the funds will be spent which included Boat Ramps & Fishing Piers, Buildings, Court/Field Resurfacing, Electrical/Lighting, Environmental, Equipment, Parking & Stormwater, Parks Master Plan, Playgrounds, Pools & Splash Pads and Trails & Boardwalks.
- II. **Myakka River Park Master Plan update** – Mike Koenig, Resource Manager passed around hand-outs and gave an update that two public meetings have been held the final design has been reached on the Myakka River Park Master Plan, a third public virtual meeting will be the first week of December to get community input.

We will be applying for a Recreation Trails Program Grant (RTP) opportunity in February to help with funding of trails and we also have a good amount of funds in the CMP program. The RTP Grant is that it allows us to go after funds for infrastructure projects such as parking lots and restrooms.

- III. **GC Herring Park Master Plan update** – Mike Koenig also gave an update on the GC Herring Park Master Plan stating it is a Tier 1 project and we are trying to get a grant as well for this project. One of the concerns heard at a previous public meeting was that they wanted to pay tribute to the history of the area by keeping the track which was a main event that was held there years ago for Network Allstars. We are going to keep a scaled down version of the track and looking at adding historical panels of the people that participated in the events.

We will be dividing the internal area into three spaces, to include a playground, exercise fitness, a multi-purpose field, paths, a small recreation/community building will be added and there was a request for a RC drag racing track which we are looking into. Also, we would like to find access to the ponds on the property for fishing. A public meeting will be held in January.

- Sports Council Update by Erick Toth
 - Reviewed and updated the sports clubs Covid19 policies.
 - Concession stand reviews and inspections.
 - Discussed football playoff schedules & off-season usages for the different fields.
 - Updated school board projects and council member inputs.

- Member Issues

- Debra Anlauf gave an update on the Manchester Water Way Civic Association presentation given to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and shared that after taking the University of South Florida (USF) on kayak exploration, USF suggested providing them with a scope of work to do a study on the on the “What if’s” as far as openings etc. USF said in order to embrace this and provide graduate students to perform the work a stipend would need to be provided of \$55,000. Debra Anlauf let PRAB know they are about \$26,000 short of that amount but would love to see the study.
- Debra Anlauf also asked about the Tippecanoe kayak launch that was discussed several months ago and asked if it would be possible to make it a full enhanced boat ramp. Tommy Scott replied that at this time we do not have the funding or the support and direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to move forward with this, but it could be something to look at in the future.
- Kay Tvaroch asked if “Students Working Against Tobacco” (sponsored by Tobacco Free Charlotte) along with the American Lung and Heart Association can facilitate for local communities to adopt a non-binding resolution to restrict smoking at parks and beaches. Don McCormick suggested that the Students Working Against Tobacco should start by requesting to give a presentation at a PRAB meeting.

Tommy Scott replied by saying, let us know when you would like this presentation to happen and we will get it on the PRAB Agenda.

- Directors Report

- Tommy Scott congratulated Bill Dryburgh for receiving the Volunteer Award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) that award was presented to him at an October BCC meeting. Tommy Scott thanked Bill Dryburgh for all his contributions and hard work through the decades at Charlotte County.
- We were awarded the State award for Resilience of Environmental Sustainability from the Florida Park and Recreation Association (FRPA), we will be presenting that to the BCC at the November 10th meeting and explaining why we were selected. At that meeting we also have three PRAB members that are up for appointment which are Erick Toth, Maria Greenberg and Kay Tvaroch.

- We are putting together a Skills and Drills Program for kids to be able to participate in basketball but be able to social distance. Open gym will be opening as well for shoot around.
 - Tommy Scott gave an update on the Charlotte County 100 year Centennial Celebration in 2021, quarterly events planned will include a month long fishing derby in January, Centennial Memoirs in May including photos, keepsakes and treasures highlighting Charlotte County history, Farm and Fork program in July the agriculture components are steeped in the history of Charlotte County, and in November there will be a Centennial Bicycle Cruise. Also, a Gala Ball is being planned at the Event Center on the actual Centennial date of April 23rd.
- Citizens Input
 - Announcement
 - Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Hector Flores, County Administrator
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator